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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-12 are amended and claims 13-29 are added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Oshita (JP Patent No. 2001237073). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present application was filed in the U.S. on November 27, 2001, but claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 71327/2000, which was filed in Korea on November 28, 2000. The Oshita reference was published August 31, 2001 in Japan from an application filed in Japan. Applicant has attached a certified translation of the priority document to effectuate the claim to priority. Accordingly, the Oshita reference is an improper reference under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and under 35 U.S.C. §102 in general. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Oshita is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 2-5 and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Oshita (JP 2001237073) in view of Wirth (U.S. Patent No. 6,146,489). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

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As discussed above, Oshita is an improper reference. Accordingly, the rejection of claims

2-5 and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Oshita in view of Wirth should be withdrawn.

Added claims 13-29 are added and also define over the valid prior art references of

record, taken alone or in combination.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the

application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes

would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact

the undersigned attorney, **Carol L. Druzbick**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is

hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and

please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully

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